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EDITORIAL

A PRELIMINARY circular of the French Committee of Organization for the Eighth Session of the International Geological Congress announces the date of the meeting to be held in Paris in 1900. The meetings will be opened on the 16th of August and will be closed on the 28th. They will be held in a building connected with the Exposition, and the hours will be so arranged as to give the members opportunity to visit the Exposition.

Field excursions are to be made a prominent feature of the session and will take place before, during, and after the meetings. These excursions are to be of two kinds, *general* and *special*. The first will be open to as large a number of members as possible, who may be taken to localities where hotel accommodations are adequate. The special excursions are intended for specialists, and since they may necessitate the visiting of regions poorly provided with hotels, the number of members who may participate in each excursion is limited to twenty. To compensate for the small number of geologists admitted to any one of these excursions, the number of excursions is increased to nineteen. This arrangement promises to be a satisfactory solution of the difficult problems connected with the geological excursions, which form so valuable a factor in the organization of the congress.

Of the general excursions three are announced:

1. Tertiary Basins of Paris, conducted by MM. Munier-Chalmas, Dollfus, L. Janet, and Stanislas Meunier.
2. Boulonnais and Normandie, conducted by MM. Gosselet, Munier-Chalmas, Bigot, Cayeux, Pellat, Rigaux — 10 days.
3. Central plateau of France, conducted by MM. Michel-Lévy, Boule, Fabre — 10 days.

The nineteen special excursions include:

- I. Ardennes, conducted by M. Gosselet — 8 days.

II. Picardie, conducted by MM. Gosselet, Cayeux, Ladrière — 6 days.

III. Bretagne, conducted by M. Barrois — 10 days.

IV. Mayenne, conducted by M. Oehlert — 8 days.

V. Turonian Types of Touraine and Cenomanian Types of Mans, conducted by M. de Grossouvre — 6 days.

VI. Faluns of Touraine, conducted by M. Dollfus — 4 days.

VII. Morvan, conducted by MM. Vélain, Peron, Bréon — 10 days.

VIII. Coal Basins of Commentry and of Decazeville, conducted by M. Fayol — 7 days.

IX. Massif of Mont-Dore, Chain of Puys, and Limagne, conducted by M. Michel-Lévy — 10 days.

X. Charentes, conducted by M. Glangeaud — 8 days.

XI. Basin of Bordeaux, conducted by M. Fallot — 6 days.

XII. Tertiary Basins of the Rhône, Secondary and Tertiary Terranes of the Basses-Alps, conducted by MM. Depéret and Haug — 12 days.

XIII. Alps of Dauphiné and Mont Blanc, conducted by MM. Marcel Bertrand and Kilian — 10 days.

XIV. Massif of Pelvoux (High Alps), conducted by M. Termier — 10 to 12 days.

XV. Mont Ventoux and mountain of Lure, conducted by MM. Kilian, Leenhardt, Lory, Paquier — 10 days.

XVI. Basse-Provence, conducted by MM. Marcel Bertrand, Vasseur, and Zürcher — 10 days.

XVII. Massif of Montagne-Noire, conducted by M. Bergeron — 8 days.

XVIII. Pyrénées (crystalline rocks), conducted by M. Lacroix — 10 days.

XIX. Pyrénées (sedimentary rocks), conducted by M. Carez — 10 days.

Further notice of the excursions and a guidebook relating to them will be issued early in 1900.

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